Exploitation of Child Labour

3574. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite so many laws passed by Government for the prevention of child labour still their exploitation is prevailing;

(b) what action has been taken by Government to prevent the child labour from exploitation;

(c) whether it is a fact that female child-labourers are sent to Arab countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A.SANGMA): (a) and (b) Child labour is Socio-economic problem and cannot be solved overnight by legislation. The policy of the Government is to progressively eliminate child labour. Apart from the prohibitory provisions under various laws, child labour is also prohibited in scheduled occupations/ processes under the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986. This schedule was recently expanded to include more occupations and processes. In areas where children are permitted to work, their working conditions are regulated under part III of the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986. Since legislation is not enough to solve the problem of child labour, Government has taken up projects under various schemes like the National Child Labour Project (NCLP) the Grants-in-aids scheme and International Programme for Elimination of Child Labour (IPEC). Around 50,000 children are directly benefitting from these projects.

(c) 'No', Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

दिल्ली में न्यूनतम मजदूरी का भुगतान न किया जाना

3575. **मौलाना औबैदुल्ला खान आजमी:** क्या श्रम मंत्री 1 अगस्त, 1994 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न 832 के दिये गये उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली में मजदूरी की न्यूनतम दरों का खुलेआम उल्लंघन हो रहा है;

(ख) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि इस संबंध में विशेषकर भवन-निर्माण कम्पनियां मुख्य अभियुक्त हैं;

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या इन कम्पनियों द्वारा दी जा रही न्यूनतम मजदूरी का पता लगाने के लिये कोई कदम उठाये गये हैं; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा और परिणाम क्या है तथा उस पर क्या कार्यवाही की गई है?

श्रम मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी०ए० संगमा): (क) से (घ) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जायेगी।

Data on Child Labour in Rural Unorganised sector

3576. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any data of child labour working in the unorganised sector in the rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to collect such data?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Authentic data is available through the decenniel census. The data on Rural child labour as per 1981 census is given in Annexure [*see* appendix 171, Annexure, No. 59], 1991 census figures are yet to be published.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.